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OF

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the privilege to enclose herewith the Eighth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the administering of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the calendar year 1985.

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, Chapter E-3.

Should you require clarification on anything contained in the Report or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Yours respectfully,

P D Ledgerwood

Patrick D. Ledgerwood,
Chief Electoral Officer

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Introduction

The significant activities concerning the administration of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, during 1985, included:

- the registration of "The Political Alternative Association of Alberta Party" – January 7, 1985;
- the change of the name of "The Political Alternative Association of Alberta Party" to "The Representative Party of Alberta" – January 9, 1985;
- the registration of "The Heritage Party of Alberta" – January 18, 1985;
- the deregistration of the "Alberta Reform Movement" party – January 31, 1985 (at the request of the executive);
- a By–election in the electoral division of Spirit River–Fairview – February 21, 1985;
- a By–election in the electoral division of Edmonton–Whitemud – December 11, 1985;
- Annual Financial Statements were received and examined from seven registered parties for the 1984 calendar year;
- Annual Financial Statements were received and examined from two hundred and seventy–five registered constituency associations, for the calendar year 1984;
- applications for registration were received and approved for seventeen constituency associations;
- additionally, the constituency association which supported the Independent Member for Little Bow registered as a constituency association of The Representative Party of Alberta;
- twenty–four constituency associations were deregistered; and
- twenty–four deregistered constituency associations fulfilled the requirements of the Act and were reregistered.

Registrations

Political Parties

Effective December 31, 1985 there were nine political parties registered in the Register of Political Parties, pursuant to Section 6(2) of the Act:

Name	Abbreviation	Date Registered
Alberta Liberal Party	LIB	February 3, 1978
Alberta New Democratic Party	NDP	January 3, 1978
Alberta Social Credit Party	SC	January 6, 1978
Communist Party – Alberta	CP–A	January 31, 1979
Confederation of Regions Party	COR	August 19, 1983
Heritage Party of Alberta	HPA	January 18, 1985
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	PC	January 3, 1978
Representative Party of Alberta	RPA	January 9, 1985
Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta	WCC	June 15, 1981

This Office maintains a file containing the names of groups and individuals who have formally requested and received information concerning the procedure to be followed for registering a political party under the Act. As of December 31, 1985, four files remain open for groups/individuals who requested that this Office reserve a particular name for their political party. The current status of activity by these groups/individuals is unknown. However, each

has been advised that one of the primary requirements for registration is completion of a petition under Section 5(2)(d) of the Act. The petition must contain a minimum of 4,308 signatures of eligible electors, which represents 0.3% of the number of electors eligible to vote at the last general election (1982).

Constituency Associations

Applications for registration were approved for eighteen constituency associations of registered political parties; as follows:

Alberta Liberal Party

Bow Valley
Calgary-Forest Lawn
Cypress
Spirit River-Fairview
St. Albert

Alberta New Democratic Party

Calgary-Fish Creek
Taber-Warner

Confederation of Regions Party

Olds-Didsbury
Red Deer
Spirit River-Fairview

Representative Party of Alberta

Calgary-West
Camrose
Clover Bar
Edmonton-Whitemud
Little Bow*
Smoky River
St. Paul
Whitecourt

***Note:** The previously registered constituency association of the Independent MLA for Little Bow became a constituency association of the Representative Party of Alberta.

Deregistrations - Constituency Associations

During the calendar year ending December 31, 1985, twenty-four constituency associations were deregistered for failure to file the required 1984 Annual Financial Statement, or failure to comply with requests for information from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, or at the request of the registered party; as follows:

Alberta Liberal Party

Calgary-Glenmore
Calgary-North West
Edson
Taber-Warner

Alberta New Democratic Party

Calgary-Currie
Edmonton-Avonmore
Lloydminster
Peace River

Alberta Social Credit Party

Athabasca
Calgary-Millican
Calgary-Mountain View
Drumheller
Edmonton-Jasper Place
Grande Prairie
Lethbridge-East
Rocky Mountain House
St. Paul
Vegreville

Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta

Calgary-Buffalo
Cardston
Edmonton-Beverly
Edmonton-Centre
Edmonton-Mill Woods
Lacombe

Reregistrations — Constituency Associations

Applications for reregistration, from twenty-four constituency associations previously deregistered either during or prior to 1985, were approved for:

Alberta Liberal Party

Calgary-Elbow
Calgary-Glenmore
Calgary-McCall
Calgary-North West
Edmonton-Jasper Place
Edmonton-Kingsway
Edmonton-Norwood
Edmonton-Whitemud
Edson
Lethbridge-East

Alberta New Democratic Party

Calgary-Currie
Calgary-McKnight
Edmonton-Avonmore
Peace River

Alberta Social Credit Party

Drumheller
Grande Prairie

Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta

Athabasca
Calgary-Buffalo
Calgary-Egmont
Calgary-Forest Lawn
Cardston
Edmonton-Beverly
Edmonton-Centre
Edmonton-Mill Woods

Summary

A total of three hundred and twelve constituency associations were recorded in the Register of Registered Constituency Associations on December 31, 1985, pursuant to Section 7(3)(a) of the Act. A chart showing the status of registered constituency associations of each registered political party, by electoral division, is presented at Appendix A.

At December 31, 1985 the number of registered constituency associations of the registered political parties were:

LIB	NDP	SC	CP-A	COR	HPA	PC	RPA	WCC	TOTAL
61	70	25	NIL	3	NIL	79	8	66	312

Candidates

Individuals Prohibited From Being Nominated

There are a number of individuals who were candidates, at either the 1979 General Election or the 1982 General Election, who failed to file the required Campaign Financial Statement. Following the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the matter, the Speaker of the Assembly laid a Report before the Assembly, pursuant to Section 36(1) of the Act. These individuals are prohibited from being nominated as candidates in an election.

At the 1985 Spirit River-Fairview By-election two individuals filed their Campaign Financial Statements after the date required by Section 35(1) of the Act. The Speaker laid a Report before the Assembly, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act. One individual

applied for relief to the Court of Queen's Bench and the Court ordered that Section 35(1) be dispensed with, pursuant to Section 36(3) of the Act. That individual may run as a candidate at future elections. The other individual is prohibited, under Section 52.1 of the Election Act, from being nominated in an election until after May 22, 1990.

The information on these circumstances is available in the Public Files, at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Financial Statements

All political parties and constituency associations registered prior to September 1, 1984 were required to file annual financial statements for 1984 on or prior to March 31, 1985, in accordance with Section 34 of the Act.

Political Parties — 1984 Annual Financial Statements

Eight political parties were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 1984. Financial Statements were received from seven of the eight Parties on or prior to March 31, 1985; as follows;

Alberta Liberal Party

Alberta New Democratic Party

Alberta Social Credit Party

Communist Party — Alberta

Confederation of Regions Party

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta

The executive members of the Alberta Reform Movement submitted a letter dated January 28, 1985, requesting deregistration of the Party. Their request was acknowledged and the party was deleted from the Register of Political Parties on January 31, 1985.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Alberta Reform Movement Party was contacted to determine the amount of funds remaining after the outstanding debts of the Party had been retired. The Chief Financial Officer indicated that all funds had been applied to the Party debts and that a relatively small deficit remained as of January 31, 1985. It was determined that no action was required, pursuant to Section 9 (11) of the Act; no surplus funds were transferred to be held in Trust, by the Chief Electoral Officer.

A summary of receipts, transfers and expenditures, reflected in the required Annual Financial Statements, is presented at Appendix B.

This Report does not include comparisons of the financial support given to political entities over the seven years in which Annual Financial Statements have been required. This information is available to the public in the Public Files in the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. A simplified presentation of the number, category and amounts contributed in this Report year is as follows:

Alberta Liberal Party

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
20 contributions from individuals	$ 500.	$ 25.00
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
64 contributions from individuals	7,440.	116.25
7 contributions from corporations	1,512.	216.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
14 contributions from individuals	16,100.	1,150.00
30 contributions from corporations	33,750.	1,125.00
Total	$ 59,302.	

Alberta New Democratic Party

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
927 contributions from individuals	$ 21,071.	$ 22.73
1 contribution from a corporation	10.	10.00
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
1046 contributions from individuals	139,817.	133.66
1 contribution from a corporation	121.	121.00
2 contributions from trade unions	200.	100.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
78 contributions from individuals	57,610.	738.58
2 contributions from trade unions	1,000.	500.00
Total	$219,829.	

Alberta Reform Movement

The Alberta Reform Movement did not file a 1984 Annual Financial Statement.

Alberta Social Credit Party

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
26 contributions from individuals	$ 523.	$ 20.11
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
34 contributions from individuals	4,176.	122.82
2 contributions from corporations	300.	150.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
14 contributions from individuals	15,950.	1,139.38
2 contributions from corporations	6,000.	3,000.00
Total	$ 26,949.	

Communist Party — Alberta

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
6 contributions from individuals	$ 130.	$ 21.66
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
11 contributions from individuals	1,384.	125.81
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
3 contributions from individuals	1,815.	605.00
Total	$ 3,329.	

Confederation of Regions Party

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
24 contributions from individuals	$ 631.	$ 26.29
1 contribution from a corporation	10.	10.00
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
38 contributions from individuals	4,001.	105.28
1 contribution from a corporation	150.	150.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
7 contributions from individuals	5,878.	839.71
1 contribution from a corporation	1,725.	1,725.00
Total	$ 12,395.	

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
541 contributions from individuals	$ 11,343.	$ 20.96
19 contributions from corporations	545.	28.68
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
2285 contributions from individuals	306,986.	134.34
955 contributions from corporations	124,807.	130.68
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
156 contributions from individuals	100,263.	642.71
441 contributions from corporations	585,447.	1,327.54
Total	$1,129,391.	

Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
44 contributions from individuals	$ 892.	$ 20.27
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
45 contributions from individuals	4,824.	107.20
3 contributions from corporations	537.	179.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
8 contributions from individuals	11,765.	1,470.62
5 contributions from corporations	4,845.	969.00
Total	$ 22,863.	

Average Contributions to a Party

Average contribution by an individual:	
amounts of $40.00 or less ($35,090. divided by 1,588)	$ 22.09
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($468,628. divided by 3,523)	$ 133.01
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($209,381. divided by 280)	$ 747.78
Average contribution by a corporation:	
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($565. divided by 21)	$ 26.90
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($127,427. divided by 969)	$ 131.50
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($631,767. divided by 479)	$ 1,318.92
Average contribution by a trade union:	
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($200. divided by 2)	$ 100.00
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($1,000. divided by 2)	$ 500.00

Constituency Associations — 1984 Annual Financial Statements

The two hundred and ninety-five constituency associations registered on December 31, 1984, were required to file Annual Financial Statements. These financial statements were received from two hundred and seventy-five constituency associations. Four Alberta Liberal Party, three Alberta New Democratic Party, seven Alberta Social Credit Party and six Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta constituency associations failed to file the required Annual Financial Statement by March 31, 1985 and were deregistered.

Alberta Liberal Party

Four of the fifty registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1984.

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
3 contributions from individuals	$ 35.	$ 11.66
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
8 contributions from individuals	955.	119.37
4 contributions from corporations	350.	87.50
Total	$ 1,340.	

Alberta New Democratic Party

One of the sixty-eight registered constituency associations was authorized to accept contributions in 1984.

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
2 contributions from individuals	$ 45.	$ 22.50
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
7 contributions from individuals	650.	92.85
Total	$ 695.	

Alberta Social Credit Party

Thirty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1984; however, none reported contributions.

Communist Party — Alberta

The Communist Party – Alberta did not have any constituency associations registered in 1984.

Confederation of Regions Party

The Confederation of Regions Party did not have any constituency associations registered in 1984.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

Seventy-nine registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1984; seventy-six reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
2,728 contributions from individuals	$ 38,785.	$ 14.21
253 contributions from corporations	6,340.	25.05
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
1,123 contributions from individuals	123,065.	109.58
296 contributions from corporations	35,166.	118.80
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
37 contributions from individuals	14,714.	397.67
20 contributions from corporations	10,320.	516.00
Total	$228,390.	

Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta

Sixty-four registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1984; twenty-one reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
31 contributions from individuals	$ 698.	$ 22.51
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
57 contributions from individuals	5,799.	101.73
1 contribution from a corporation	50.	50.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
3 contributions from individuals	1,619.	539.66
Total	$ 8,166.	

Independent

One of the two elected Independent Members of the Legislative Assembly had a registered constituency association in 1984. That constituency association reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
15 contributions from individuals	$ 315.	$ 21.00
2 contributions from corporations	55.	27.50
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
143 contributions from individuals	16,547.	115.71
18 contributions from corporations	2,752.	152.88
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
4 contributions from individuals	1,800.	450.00
1 contribution from a corporation	627.	627.00
Total	$ 22,096.	

Average Contributions to Constituency Associations

Average contribution by an individual:

amounts of $40.00 or less ($39,878. divided by 2,779)	$ 14.34
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($147,016. divided by 1,338)	$ 109.87
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($18,133. divided by 44)	$ 412.11

Average contribution by a corporation:

amounts of $40.00 or less ($6,395. divied by 255)	$ 25.07
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($38,318. divided by 319)	$ 120.11
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($10,947. divided by 21)	$ 521.28

Political Party, Constituency Association - 1984 Contribution Totals

Total annual contributions received by registered parties and constituency associations, during 1984, were:

	Party	Constituency Association	Total
Alberta Liberal Party	$ 59,302.	$ 1,340.	$ 60,642.
Alberta New Democratic Party	219,829.	695.	220,524.
Alberta Social Credit Party	26,949.	NIL	26,949.
Communist Party - Alberta	3,329.	NIL	3,329.
Confederation of Regions Party	12,395.	NIL	12,395.
Independent	NIL	22,096.	22,096.
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	1,129,391.	228,390.	1,357,781.
Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta	22,863.	8,166.	31,029.
Total	$1,474,058.	$260,687.	$1,734,745.

1985 By-Elections

Spirit River-Fairview By-Election

A summary of the Spirit River-Fairview By-election which was held February 21, 1985, including the official results, was published by the Chief Electoral Officer on March 27, 1985.

The campaign period for this By-election, as defined by Section 1 (1) (c) of the Act, was January 24, 1985 to April 21, 1985. Campaign Period Financial Statements from the seven registered candidates were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer on or prior to May 21, 1985, pursuant to Section 35 (1) (b) of the Act. The registered parties of the candidates were required to file Campaign Period Financial Statements on or prior to August 21, 1985 pursuant to Section 35 (1) (a) of the Act.

Registered Candidates - Campaign Financial Statements

Five of the seven registered candidates filed the required statement within the prescribed time limits. Two candidates failed to file statements within the required time limits. The names of these candidates and their chief financial officers were submitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with Section 36 of the Act. The detail in this regard is available in the Public Files, at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

In due course, both candidates filed the required financial statements. One candidate made a successful application to the Court of Queen's Bench and the prohibition against his future candidacy was removed on June 25, 1985. The other candidate did not make application to the Court and the prohibition against his future candidacy remains in effect until May 22, 1990 (five years from the date the statement was filed).

A summary of the Candidate's Campaign Receipts and Expenditures for the 1985 Spirit River-Fairview By-election follows:

Candidate (*elected)	Party	Total Contributions	Other Revenue	Total Receipts	Total Expenses
Block, V	PC	$10,943.	$34,670.	$ 45,613.	$ 45,613.
Fletcher, D.	WCC	9,012.	7,122.	16,134.	14,251.
Gurnett, A.J.*	NDP	17,843.	17,593.	35,436.	35,383.
Knutson, E.	COR	4,930.	21,719.	26,649.	26,739.
Neilson, R.	SC	700.	2,272.	2,972	2,972.
Nicholson, R.	LIB	5,285.	6,641.	11,926.	11,703.
Pawlus, M.	HPA	1,470.	1,718.	3,188.	3,188.
Total		$50,183.	$91,735.	$141,918.	$139,849.

Registered Political Parties - By-Election Campaign Financial Statements

Seven of the nine registered political parties participated in the By-election and filed Party By-election Campaign Financial Statements.

Participation by six of the parties was limited to transferring either funds or campaign materials to their candidates; one party accepted contributions, made expenditures and transferred funds and materials to their candidate. A summary for each of the seven registered parties is contained in Appendix C.

Political Parties, Candidates - 1985 Contribution Totals

Total campaign contributions received during the 1985 Spirit River-Fairview By-election by registered parties and candidates were:

	Party	Candidate	Total
Alberta Liberal Party	NIL	$ 5,285.	$ 5,285.
Alberta New Democratic Party	63,882.	17,843.	81,725.
Alberta Social Credit Party	NIL	700.	700.
Heritage Party of Alberta	NIL	1,470.	1,470.
Confederation of Regions Party	NIL	4,930.	4,930.
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	NIL	10,943.	10,943.
Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta	NIL	9,012.	9,012.
Total	$63,882.	$50,183.	$114,065.

Edmonton-Whitemud By-Election

Financial information regarding the Edmonton-Whitemud By-election has not been included in this Report, in that neither the registered candidates nor the registered parties are required to file financial statements until 1986. The Edmonton-Whitemud By-election results were published in a separate By-election Report, December 20, 1985. The Report includes an overview of By-election administration costs; detailed financial data will be included in the 1986 Annual Report.

Income Tax Credit Allowance - 1983

During 1985 the Tax Policy Division of Alberta Treasury provided information, obtained from Revenue Canada Taxation and the Alberta Corporate Tax Administration, concerning the 1983 income tax credits for political contributions allowed to individual and corporate taxpayers who paid Alberta Income Tax.

Although the following information is now two years after the fact, it may be useful for comparison purposes:

	Amount
Total 1983 contributions to registered parties –	$1,261,787.
Total 1983 contributions to registered constituency associations –	$ 139,492.
Total 1983 Provincial Income Tax Credit allowed to individuals –	$ 369,070.
Total 1983 Provincial Income Tax Credit allow to corporations –	$ 173,000.

Three factors should be considered when reviewing this information:

a. taxpayers do not receive any income tax credits unless they submit an official receipt for the contribution;

b. if there is no Alberta income tax payable, no income tax credit is allowed; and

c. the amount of income tax credit allowed is based on a declining percentage calculation of the total contribution.

NOTE: As a result of the foregoing factors a direct percentage comparison of the income tax credit allowed, to the total amount contributed, should not be made.

Funds Held in Trust by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

This Office had been holding $102.47 in Trust, pending the reregistration of the Unparty Party (Alberta) and the Edmonton-Sherwood Park Constituency Association of the Alberta Reform Movement. Neither of these entities applied for reregistration on or before the required date of April 6, 1985. Consequently, the funds were paid to the Provincial Treasurer, to form part of the General Revenue Fund.

At the date of this Report the Chief Electoral Officer is not holding any funds in Trust for a political party, constituency association or candidate whose registration has been cancelled.

Public Records

The public records which contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta, now contain data for seven consecutive calendar years including the 1979 and 1982 General Elections and the four By-elections held since January 1, 1978. Interest in examining these records increases substantially on the dates immediately after the candidates, constituency associations and parties file the required Campaign Period or Annual Financial Statements. The primary use of these records is made by the news media, students and members of political organizations.

Conferences

Annual Conference of Canadian Election Officers

The 1985 Annual Conference of Canadian Election Officers and Election Finance Officers was held in Quebec City, July 22-25, 1985. All provincial jurisdictions, the Yukon, Canada Elections Office, Ottawa and the United States Federal Election Commission were represented at this conference.

The conference again provided an opportunity for all jurisdictions to share problems and to explore possible solutions, particularly in the area of residency requirements and special voting procedures for prisoners.

I consider the discussions on problems of mutual interest and the sharing of ideas to improve the electoral process, that take place at these annual meetings, to be meaningful to this Office.

The 1986 Conference will be held in Victoria, British Columbia, July 15-17, 1986.

Ad Hoc Committee on Electoral Activities

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of Party Representatives, chaired by the Chief Electoral Officer, was attended by representatives from eight of the nine registered parties on October 17, 1985. This was the first meeting since 1981. It proved to be a very useful and productive forum at which the members shared their problems and concerns and proposed solutions. Some of the topics discussed included:

a. financial statements - party, constituency association and candidate;

b. constituency association registrations for the new electoral divisions;

c. candidate registration requirements and procedures for filing nomination papers; and

d. distribution of published materials and the requirement to maintain current information in the Register of Constituency Associations.

Council on Governmental Ethics Law - U.S.A.

The 1985 Council on Governmental Ethics Law Conference was held in Chicago, Illinois, December 2-5, 1985 and was attended by representatives from the majority of the State Board of Election Commissions and State Board of Ethics Commissions in the USA and representatives from the Canada Elections Office, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and our Office.

The Council is an association of public officials at the federal and state or provincial level responsible for the administration of ethics legislation concerning such matters as: election financing, control of election expenses and contributions, conflict of interest and lobbying.

The 1986 Conference will be held during the first week of December 1986, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Conclusion

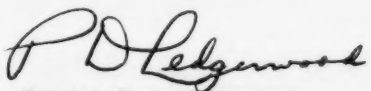
This is my first Annual Report as Chief Electoral Officer and I would like to acknowledge the key personnel who have ensured that the requirements of the Act were met in 1985, namely those individuals who hold executive positions with Registered Political Parties and their Registered Constituency Associations. Only a few of these individuals are paid by their Party, the majority are volunteers who contribute the time and effort necessary to ensure that the required public disclosure procedures are met. I would like to compliment the Chief Financial Officers on the excellent job that they are doing.

To assist these individuals meet their responsibilities, this Office provides guidance and assistance as required. All the Guides published by this Office were updated in 1985, to reflect amendments to the Election Act and to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. Information on all aspects of these Acts is provided on an on-going basis to individuals and to groups interested in the registration procedures for candidates and constituency associations and in the formation of new political parties.

I would like to express my appreciation to those Albertans who took the time to phone, write or visit our office, to obtain information or to provide suggestions regarding the procedures governing registrations and public disclosures.

The responsibilities of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer were met through the competent manner in which my staff carried out their duties and I would like to acknowledge their professionalism.

All of which is respectfully submitted,



Patrick D. Ledgerwood
Chief Electoral Officer

February 7, 1985

Appendix A

Status of Constituency Associations of Registered Political Parties and Independents at December 31, 1985

(X = registered, D = deregistered, – = not registered)

ELECTORAL DIVISION	LIB	NDP	SC	COR	PC	RPA	WCC
Athabasca	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Banff–Cochrane	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Barrhead	X	X	X	–	X	–	D
Bonnyville	D	X	D	–	X	–	X
Bow Valley	X	–	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Bow	X	X	D	–	X	–	D
Calgary–Buffalo	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Currie	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Egmont	–	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Elbow	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Fish Creek	X	X	–	–	X	–	D
Calgary–Foothills	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Forest Lawn	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Glenmore	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–McCall	D	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–McKnight	–	X	X	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Millican	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–Mountain View	X	X	D	–	X	–	D
Calgary–North Hill	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Calgary–North West	X	D	X	–	X	–	X
Calgary–West	X	X	X	–	X	X	D
Camrose	D	X	D	–	X	X	X
Cardston	–	–	X	–	X	–	X
Chinook	X	X	D	–	X	–	D
Clover Bar	X	X	D	–	X	X	X
Cypress	X	–	X	–	X	–	X
Drayton Valley	X	X	D	–	X	–	D
Drumheller	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Avonmore	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Belmont	X	X	–	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Beverly	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Calder	X	X	X	–	X	–	X

ELECTORAL DIVISION	LIB	NDP	SC	COR	PC	RPA	WCC
Edmonton–Centre	X	X	–	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Glengarry	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Glenora	X	X	–	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Gold Bar	X	X	–	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Highlands	X	X	–	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Jasper Place	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Kingsway	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Meadowlark	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Mill Woods	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Norwood	X	X	–	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Parkallen	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Sherwood Park	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Strathcona	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Edmonton–Whitemud	X	X	–	–	X	X	X
Edson	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Grande Prairie	D	X	X	–	X	–	D
Highwood	D	X	D	–	X	–	X
Innisfail	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Lac La Biche–McMurray	X	X	X	–	X	–	D
Lacombe	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Lesser Slave Lake	D	D	D	–	X	–	X
Lethbridge–East	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Lethbridge–West	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Little Bow	X	X	X	–	X	X	X
Lloydminster	D	D	–	–	X	–	X
Macleod	–	–	X	–	X	–	X
Medicine Hat	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Olds–Didsbury	X	–	D	X	X	–	X
Peace River	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Pincher Creek–Crowsnest	–	X	D	–	X	–	D
Ponoka	–	X	D	–	X	–	X
Red Deer	X	X	D	X	X	–	D
Redwater–Andrew	X	X	–	–	X	–	X
Rocky Mountain House	–	X	D	–	X	–	X
Smoky River	–	X	D	–	X	X	X
Spirit River–Fairview	X	X	D	X	X	–	X
St. Albert	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Stettler	D	X	X	–	X	–	X
Stony Plain	X	X	D	–	X	–	X

ELECTORAL DIVISION	LIB	NDP	SC	COR	PC	RPA	WCC
St. Paul	X	X	D	–	X	X	D
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Hills	–	–	D	–	X	–	X
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vermilion–Viking	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wetaskiwin–Leduc	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Status of Constituency Association Registration, at December 31, 1985

	LIB	NDP	SC	CP-A	COR	HP-A	PC	RPA	WCC
Total registered	61	70	25	0	3	0	79	8	66
Total deregistered	9	3	44	0	0	0	0	0	13
Electoral Divisions without a registered constituency association	18	9	54	79	76	79	0	71	13

Notes: 1. The "Constituency Association of the Independent Member of the Legislative Assembly for Little Bow" became the "Little Bow Representative Party Constituency Association" subsequent to that Party's registration.

2. All Alberta Reform Movement Constituency Associations were deregistered in April 1984.

3. Neither the Communist Party - Alberta nor the Heritage Party of Alberta had any registered constituency associations during the period of this Report.

Appendix B

Summary of 1984 Annual Financial Statements of Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Contributions			Other Revenue	Total Annual Receipts	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Expenses	Annual Surplus (deficit)
	Over $375	$40 to $375	$40 and Under						
ARM	DID NOT FILE A 1984 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT								
CP-A	1,815.	1,384.	130.	502.	3,831.	NIL	1,595.	1,595.	2,236.
COR	7,603.	4,151.	641.	6,750.	19,145.	NIL	18,494.	18,494.	651.
LIB	49,850.	8,952.	500.	9,365.	68,667.	3,010.	27,630.	30,640.	38,027.
NDP	58,610.	140,138.	21,081.	66,951.	286,780.	22,803.	93,768.	116,571.	170,209.
PC	685,710.	431,793.	11,888.	251,549.	1,380,940.	NIL	776,201.	776,201.	604,739.
SC	21,950.	4,476.	523.	6,389.	33,338.	NIL	31,995.	31,995.	1,343.
WCC	16,610.	5,361.	892.	24,152.	47,015.	982.	53,173.	54,155.	(7,140.)

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St. Paul	X	X	D	–	X	X	D
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Three Hills	–	–	D	–	X	–	X
[illegible]	X	X	D	–	X	–	X
Vermilion–Viking	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
[illegible]	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
Wetaskiwin–Leduc	X	X	X	–	X	–	X
[illegible]	D	X	X	–	X	X	X

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Appendix C

Summary of Spirit River–Fairview By-Election Campaign Financial Statements of Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Contributions			Other Revenue	Total Campaign Receipts	Funds or Materials Transferred	Campaign Expenses	Total Expenses	Campaign Surplus (deficit)
	Over $375	$40 to $375	$40 and Under						
COR	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	7,363.	NIL	7,363.	(7,363.)
HPA	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1,718.	NIL	1,718.	(1,718.)
LIB	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	6,300.	NIL	6,300.	(6,300.)
NDP	21,500.	35,475.	6,907.	1,226.	65,108.	10,283.	98,546.	108,829.	(43,721.)
PC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	26,786	NIL	26,786.	(26,786.)
SC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1,720.	NIL	1,720.	(1,720)
WCC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	150.	NIL	150.	(150.)